

# CONTRACTOR KAU WAS AFTER JOB

Wilson Tells About "Fighting" Ring and How It Tried to Bribe Him.

SUIT MAY BE FILED TODAY

Some Interesting Details in Regard to Methods of Making Bids.

(From Monday's Advertiser.)

According to Contractor Wilson a bid of contractors was formed to get the belt road contract, but that court proceedings are nearly ready to start, and much will be made plain.

Today or tomorrow the next chapter in the belt road fiasco will be written, for at that time the papers in the suit will be filed by attorneys for Johnny Wilson, the low bidder, to compel the award of the contract to him by the commission.

When the bids were opened it was found that Wilson was low bidder, at \$79,367, while Lord-Young Engineering Company was next with \$79,710, but this contract was awarded to Lord-Young after several secret meetings of the board.

The award was not unanimous, however, Mayor Fern and Chairman Adams of the board voting against giving it to Lord-Young.

Changes His Vote.

After this was settled and the meeting adjourned, Chairman Adams evidently thought that it would not look right for the chairman of the board to be opposed to the majority, so he asked permission to change his vote to an affirmative one, which was granted.

For several days thereafter nothing was done, as it was rumored that Wilson was going to contest the award. Nothing came, and so when the ten days were up which the successful bidder was allowed in which to sign the contract, or forfeit their check of over four thousand dollars, they did so and announced that they would commence work at once.

At the time the contract was awarded to Lord-Young, Wilson was tendered his check of deposit which accompanied his bid, but refused to accept it.

Starting Developments.

With the filing of suit today bringing action to compel the award to Wilson, some startling developments as to the way contracts have been handled back and forth in Honolulu will likely be brought out.

Information in regard to an alleged bid of contractors who were bound together on this contract not to submit a bid of less than \$80,000 is likely to develop, and other matters as to the way the work was to be parceled out may come up.

Fought Twelve Years.

"I have been fighting this ring of contractors for twelve years," said Wilson yesterday, "and they have offered me money and jobs to pull out of contracts and leave it to them."

"In only one instance have I any proof of this, and that was on the sewer outfall when two men came to my house on the work and offered me \$4,500. My wife and an employee of mine were within hearing at that time and heard the conversation."

Offered Good Job.

"I will say that on the present contract a representative of these contractors came to me and then went to McCandless asking him to have me stop thinking of bidding on the work."

It was stated to him that I would be given some money and a job at two hundred and fifty dollars a month, and Mr. McCandless told them that they would have to talk with me.

It was known that the job would last about six weeks, and so I had nothing to do with it but submitted my bid.

Question of Life.

"It is not a question of my winning this contract, but it is a question of a small bidder having any chance against the ring. If I lose out on this, I will have been named as irresponsible and will never be able to get another contract from the government."

"Also, if the ring is successful in this case, it will be the doom of the contractor of moderate means. I have saved the county and territory thousands of dollars in the past by making the other contractors bid down to my figure, and below, when they wanted to job some contract and get the full amount appropriated for it."

"I am going into this fight to make them award the contract to me, and my lawyers tell me that I have a good chance, for the law says that unless the contract is awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, it is null and void. Well, that is the condition of the contract now held by Lord and Young, so he concluded."

It has been rumored in official circles ever since the contract came up that a bid of contractors agreed to bid not less than \$80,000 on the job.

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Also that it was filed for one man to get the first job, and a second man would be the low bidder when the second section of the belt road contract came up, there would not be so much opposition, and so it was planned, according to the stories in circulation, but was not.

# GIFFARD TO LEAD IN WAR ON FLIES

Selected to Map Out Campaign to Be Waged Against Fruit Destroyers.

There was an informal meeting of the board of agriculture and forestry Saturday when the action of the California State commission on horticulture in regard to future shipments of bananas and pineapples from here was discussed, as well as the necessity for formulating a scheme of campaign against the Mediterranean fruit fly. It was resolved to notify the shipping firms of the new method of packing the fruits mentioned, and W. M. Giffard was appointed a member of the committee of entomology to attend to the details in connection with the proposed campaign for the extermination of the fruit fly.

The meeting was attended by Chairman Judd, and Messrs. von Holt and Dowsett. While the press was not barred, it was stated that there was really no need for the newspaper representatives to be present. Mr. Judd, when called upon after the meeting had concluded, stated that the shippers of fruit would be informed by letter that in future all parcels of pineapples and bananas intended for San Francisco would have to be packed in accordance with the instructions issued; that is, that excelsior, rice straw, crates, paper or sacks must be used. When the letter containing the fuller instructions is received then any further hints that may be necessary to the packers will be transmitted to them.

The Mediterranean Fruit Fly.

The meeting then considered that question of carrying on a campaign against the fruit fly. W. M. Giffard, who has had considerable experience in practical entomology, and stands high in this profession, was appointed a member of the committee on entomology of the board to prepare the detail work in accordance with the report of the advisory committee that has already been published in these columns.

There are many details to be worked out and Mr. Giffard, who is at present on Kauai, will on his return be asked to undertake the duties. Of course, the clean culture methods will be enforced. This will mean that a corps of inspectors will be necessary to carry this out.

Commissioner Judd expects that a few inspectors will be appointed at first, and then the staff will be increased gradually as found necessary. Another factor that will have a lot to do with the campaign will be the amount of money available. No time will be lost in getting to work, and every part where the fly is known to be will be kept in mind, while preventive measures will be maintained in order to guard against its spread.

A Parasite Wanted.

The question of seeking a parasite will be taken up also, but as this is another matter on which Mr. Giffard's advice will be sought, Mr. Judd would not undertake to say anything. He said that he had no idea where the search would begin for a parasite.

The beetles that were sent down from the Coast by Entomologist Eshborn were still under attention, but they had not emerged from the experimental stage yet.

# KAU WANTS FERN FOR CONGRESS DELEGATE

Absence not only makes the heart grow fonder, but distance, which is inferential with absence, makes it expand with glowing pride. Down in Kau on the Big Island, the abstract organ which performs the functions of that vital part is expanding not only with pride, but with various other things which have led to a little boom for Joe Fern for delegate to congress.

Travelers returning from the Big Island Saturday report that the electorate of the volcano district is solid for Fern—that is, the Democratic portion of it. The feeling for the Mayor of Honolulu runs so strong that the Kohala Midget also felt called upon to register it last week.

It is not yet known what particular feature of our municipal chief executive has so struck the Kau-ites, but so it is. McCandless isn't in it for a moment, it is said.

of the contractors, whose bid was supposed to be over \$100,000, dropped under the others and landed the contract, aside from the lower bid of Wilson.

That is the story that is told on the street and which comes from those in touch with the alleged contracting firm.

Should Have Been One Job.

Unprejudiced contractors assert that the contract for the entire belt road should have been let at one time, and the whole \$200,000 made available to pay in one lot as the price would have been much lower on a job of that magnitude.

This would have enabled Coast firms to get into the game, it is said, but that in just what the local bid did not wish to have done, for it wished to keep the Coast men out.

Complications arising from the matter being in the courts and so delaying the work on the road, will likely result in all traders being treated as one and called for, if this is possible under the law.

The commissioners' life is a rather busy one just at present, and if the courts and the board of Wilson they will be available to a great extent.

# HILLO STILL WONDERERS OVER SUDDEN DISAPPEARANCE OF OSCAR BUSHNER

HILLO, October 13.—The fact there have recently been several cases of mysterious disappearances in Honolulu has called attention to such a case which occurred here in Hillo several months ago, and which still remains a mystery. In the case in question Oscar Bushner, a white man, disappeared, during the middle of last June, as completely as if the earth had swallowed him. Inquiries were made by his employers and the police, but nothing has ever been learned which gives the slightest clue as to what became of him.

Bushner was engaged in San Francisco by John M. Withers, the foreman of the Volcano Stables carriage shop, to work at the shop as a woodworker. At the same time a blacksmith, named Wilson, was engaged. Both men left San Francisco in the Enterprise about June 6 for Hillo. Wilson has since left the employ of the Volcano Stables and is, as far as can be learned, working somewhere on the Hillo Railroad extension.

On the Monday following his arrival in Hillo, Bushner went to work in the carriage shop. He worked there during four days. Then the shops saw him no more. The following Friday he failed to turn up to work. He made no demand for the money which he had earned, nor did he even take his tools away.

Withers explains that while the Volcano Stables paid Bushner \$85 for his passage money, with the understanding that if he worked for the corporation for a year this money would be considered a present, there was no contract or other means of enforcing any obligation on Bushner. He could have declined to go to work absolutely, and the Stables would have had no redress.

# ENTOMOLOGIST ON WAY HOME

Fullaway Wires for Orders From Manila and Does Not Get Any.

David T. Fullaway, entomologist of the federal experimental station, is on his way back to Honolulu on the transport from Manila arriving about the second of next month, or is, if he caught the vessel as he apparently planned. Upon his arrival at Manila from Guam last week, thinking that he was on his way to India, he called to Dr. E. V. Wilcox, director of the experimental station, to ascertain the status of the cotton pest situation and upon learning that it was indefinite, may have taken the same transport home.

Fullaway has spent six months in Guam assisting planters there against insect pests but his last letter dated from that place expressed a strong desire to return home or at least proceed to India as it was planned for him to do, after a parasite for the boll worm which is attacking island cotton.

The uncertainty of the local cotton growers who have hesitated between the boll worm and the money necessary to attempt to find a parasite left Fullaway rather doubtful and as the authorities here could not advise him, he took time by the forelock and went Manila-wards on the fast transport, knowing that that particular transport would probably be the next one back anyway and if he was actually to go further west he would be that much time ahead.

There is some doubt whether his message here was interpreted rightly, for he sent it in code to Doctor Wilcox and the latter did not know what code it was. He looked through all the code books, however, and the nearest translation he could find was "What orders have you for me?" Wilcox wired back "Nothing doing."

It is possible that this will have a bad temporary effect on the industry that looks so promising, as while hard work barely manages to make cotton successful by keeping down the worm, it is almost certain that there is a parasite that will exterminate the worm and insure the success of the cotton.

The authorities at the experimental station have now fallen back on correspondence and negotiations of a more way for the cooperation of Mr. Wilcox with the government entomologist in India. This gentleman will do the best he can to find the parasite but if he is unsuccessful, the attempt to secure funds for sending a local entomologist.

# STEAMER WRECKED PASSENGERS SAVED

VICTORIA, October 16.—The steamship Princess Beatrice with three hundred passengers on board, was wrecked yesterday on Noble Island. No lives were lost and the passengers were all safely transferred to shore and later rescued.

# ELECTORAL COLLEGE NAMES MADRID AS PRESIDENT

CITY OF MEXICO, October 16.—The Mexican electoral college yesterday unanimously elected Francisco I. Madero, 41, president of the Republic. Madero is a member of the assembly and is a native of Mexico.

# HONOLULU BOY OUTLINES PLAN OF CHINESE REVOLUTIONISTS

Son of (Dr. Sun Yat Sen Tells of Proposed Legislative System of New Republic—Former Premier Declines Job

Inside information is apparently divulged, regarding the rebellion in China, by a Honolulu boy, Sun Po, a son of Sun Yat Sen, who has been for a considerable time a student in St. Louis College in this city. He recently left for the Coast to take up a university course, and in San Francisco yesterday gave out an interview which indicates that he has been in close touch with the revolutionary leaders, although it is probable that some of his remarks are wide of the mark.

In China the Peking government has closed all the telegraph lines, and it is understood that former Premier Yuan Shih Kai has refused to accept office again, unless drastic reforms are guaranteed. Meanwhile the imperial and revolutionary armies are said to be approaching what may well be a decisive field of battle.

Honolulu Boy Tells of Plans.

SAN FRANCISCO, October 16.—Interesting information was made public here yesterday by Sun Po, a son of Sun Yat Sen one of the principal leaders of the Young China party and reported elected president of the new Chinese Republic. The interview was comprehensive.

He outlined the plans of the revolutionists in the establishment of their republic and stated that the right of suffrage will be based upon educational qualifications. He added that woman suffrage was being considered and women will probably be entitled to vote on the same educational basis as the men.

Will Adopt American Legislative System.

Sun Po also asserts that the American legislative system will be adopted, except that the terms of the legislators will be for five years in both the upper and lower branches of the legislature.

Speaking on the preparedness of the revolutionists the young man states that there are two millions of dollars in the treasury and that all of the Chinese in America are practically in the reserve of the army, or as contributors.

Decisive Battle Is Expected Soon.

So far as the revolutionary army is concerned he asserts that there are now 35,000 soldiers in the field, all of whom are Chinese, no Manchus being allowed to serve, and that a decisive battle is looked for very shortly in the Province of Honan.

A still greater force of troops could be placed in the field it is stated, if it was possible to arm them properly.

Yuan Shih Kai Makes Conditions.

LONDON, October 16.—A special dispatch to this city from Shanghai this evening, contains the information that Yuan Shih Kai, former premier of China, has replied to the order recalling him in this crisis.

According to the report he refuses to accept his old position, unless the government guarantees to inaugurate drastic reforms. It is unknown whether his conditions will be accepted.

Telegraphic Service Is Restricted.

PEKING, October 16.—The imperial government has issued orders restricting the telegraph service throughout the empire. It is stated that one reason for this stringent order is to hamper the rebels in their communications.

# CANNIBALISM NOT STAMPED OUT IN THE SOUTH SEAS

That cannibalism is still carried on in the South Sea Islands is proved by the news which has reached Sydney of the murder of several Europeans there, some of the victims being cooked and afterward eaten by the murderers, says a Sydney dispatch to the Buffalo (N. Y.) Courier, September 1.

While conducting a Sunday school service in the open air the Rev. Frederick Daniels, the Queensland missionary killed in the Solomon Islands, was shot by a native concealed in the scrub. The bullet struck the missionary in the breast. He fell backward, murmuring, "Lord, save me," and then died.

The fact that he was a missionary was not responsible for Mr. Daniels' murder, for according to an officer of the mission "the natives take a pride in getting scalps, so to speak, and the murder of a white man is a special glory."

From New Caledonia comes the report that a family of three—father, mother and child—have been butchered. The names of the victims are Devereaux. There is no clue to the perpetrators of the atrocious crime, but from the marks on the bodies it would seem they had been treated with great brutality.

News of still another outrage has been brought by the French warship Kersaint to the effect that at Maewu, one of the northern islands of the New Hebrides group, two French residents, named Gerolamo and Helen, having been killed by the natives, were afterward eaten.

# TWO ANNIVERSARIES CELEBRATED AT ONCE.

BAITIMORE, Maryland, October 16.—Cardinal James Gibbons, the only American cardinal of the Roman Catholic church, celebrated here yesterday the thirty-third anniversary of his ordination as a priest and the twentieth of his service as cardinal.

The religious services were completed and the cardinal's priest took part in the cathedral service. Later he attended the celebration of his many friends and he is surrounded with love and devotion and well congratulated as well.

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# EARTHQUAKE KILLS MORE PEOPLE IN SOUTHERN ITALY

CATANIA, Italy, October 16.—Another severe earthquake has visited this section of the country with the result that many buildings have been wrecked which have survived other seismic disturbances.

It is reported from surrounding villages that many persons have been killed and that twenty bodies have been recovered from ruins and eighty wounded rescued.

The troops stationed in this district have been summoned to preserve order and to assist in rescuing the injured and are doing heroic work.

# PRESIDENT INSPECTS SITE OF EXPOSITION

SAN FRANCISCO, October 16.—President Taft spent a busy Sunday, inspecting the site for the Panama-Pacific exposition and later visiting the cruiser California, where he congratulated the crew of gun pointers upon their excellent work.

Last evening the President departed over the Southern Pacific for Los Angeles, and from there he will be switched to the San Pedro, Los Angeles and Salt Lake railroad for Salt Lake City and the northern route home.

# FORMER HONOLULU MAN GIVEN A WORLD TOUR

James P. Howe, of Atchison, Kansas, who was formerly a reporter on The Advertiser, will sail from New York next month on a world tour, the expenses of the journey, including solo trips, being the gift of his father E. W. Howe, famous as the editor of the Atchison Globe.

George Howe, a brother, was expected to meet him in New York, and was also making a trip, but that is a later story.